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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled **"SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ASSESSING DOCUMENTS USING ANALYSIS OF MACHINE-PRINTED WRITING AND PRE-PRINTED INFORMATION"** -- Houle et al.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 59 page specification, 155 pages of claims (Claims 1-1092), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included drawings on 31 sheets (figures 1-42). The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Gilles Houle, Ronny Bakker, Johan Willem Piere Berkhuisen, Malayappan Shridhar, James G. Mason, Katerina Blinova and Babur Nugmanov for the above-entitled invention.

This application is a continuing application of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/389,290 entitled "Systems and Methods For Assessing Documents Using Analysis of Machine-Printed Writing and Pre-Printed Information" filed by Houle, et al. on

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March 14, 2003, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/364,675 entitled "Systems and Methods for Handwriting Analysis in Documents," filed March 15, 2002.

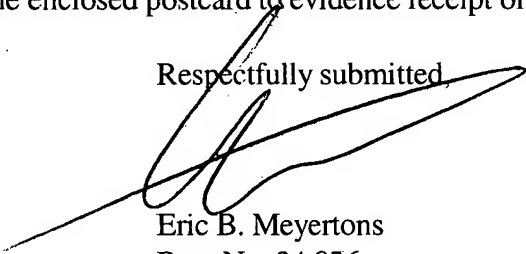
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